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AT THE GAZETTE OFFICE.

FLAG AND FLAG

The Change to Be Made Formally
Here Today.

PROGRAM FOR THE OCCASION

Official Transactions Will Stand
Alone—A Mass Meeting—Seats.
Fireworks—Ball.

AUGUST 12.

Be it our task, in Freedom's name,
To broadly build and to maintain
A stable, just and honest State,
And thus to make and keep it great;
For Humanity's flag, the flag of the
free,
Old Glory, now floats o'er these Isles
of the Sea.

—E. P. Dole.

Admiral Miller declined to have the
Philadelphia battalion remain on the
Executive building grounds after the
Flag ceremonies. The matter was
carefully considered and there is no
feeling over it.

The ceremony which will terminate
the sovereignty of the Hawaiian Re-
public and bring the Islands under the
flag of the United States will begin at
11:45 o'clock this forenoon. It is
planned that the Stars and Stripes
shall go up as near high noon as pos-
sible. Everything will be over in a
half hour at most. As previously stat-
ed the ceremonies will be strictly of-
ficial and formal.

The official platform extends over
the landing at the front stairs. On it
will appear the leading personages in
the action to be consummated, as the
following: The Executive Council,
Diplomatic and Consular Corps, Am-
erican Army and Navy officers, Coun-
cil of State, Senate and House of Rep-
resentatives, heads of Government Bu-
reaux, old Advisory Council and of-
ficers of the Annexation Club. Ex-
Queen Liliuokalani, Princess Kaiulani
and other members of the old royal
family have also been invited to seats
on the platform. The detail to lower
the Hawaiian flag will be stationed on
the left and that to raise the Stars and
Stripes on the right. Tables for for-
eign and local newspaper men will be
arranged near the platform.

A little over 1,400 chairs have been
arranged on the verandas of the build-
ing. Admission to these were made by
ticket to prevent a scramble. All the
passes were given out at the Foreign
Office yesterday on the plan of "first
come, first served." On the grounds
are 1,500 additional seats. Aside from
this the grounds will be open on all
sides as far as possible to public spec-
tators. As the military and naval de-
tachments will enter the grounds from
King street it will be necessary to
keep the entrance on that side for this
use. The gates on the Richards and
Hotel streets sides will be open, how-
ever, at all times.

A Foreign Office notice has been is-
sued that carriages must enter by the
Richards street gate and pass out by
the Hotel street gate.

The first bodies to assemble this
morning will be the First Regiment,
N. G. H., police and the band—all at
10 o'clock sharp. This column will
move at 10:30 through the streets to
the boat landing, where the troops
from the Philadelphia and Mohican
will be received at about 11 o'clock.
From there the march will be con-
tinued back to the Executive building
grounds. Near the official platform
the first battalion of local troops will
turn to the right and dress in close
column. The second battalion will
form in like manner on the left, and
the American troops will occupy the
avenue straight in front of the of-
ficial stand.

The following bodies will assemble
at 10:30 o'clock: Mounted reserve,
fully equipped, at the State house;
Sharpshooters' Company, in hats,
without arms, at quarters in the Ju-
diciary building; Geo. W. De Long
Post, G. A. R., regulation dress and
badges, at Post headquarters. These
bodies will march independently to the
grounds and be assigned to positions
on the right and left. The sixteen
companies of the Citizens' Guard will
assemble in ordinary civilian dress in
the makai yard of the Judiciary build-
ing, facing Queen street, at 11 o'clock,
without arms. From there they will
march into the grounds and be as-
signed to a position on the left. Com-
pany 9, Capt. Fritz Rowald, will have
the right of the line.

Just before the Hawaiian flag comes
down it will be given a national salute
and at the same time the bands will
play the Hawaiian Anthem. Another
national salute will be given the Am-
erican flag when it reaches the top of
the staff and the bands will play Star

Spangled Banner. This, with the
reading of the proclamation and formal
remarks incident to the transfer,
will complete the ceremony.

After the official program there will
likely be a sort of a mass meeting
under the auspices of the Annexation
Club and citizens. The program will
be informal. There will be singing and
some speechmaking by prominent citi-
zens, who will be called out. The
American troops will leave the grounds
immediately after the flag raising cer-
emonies, and will be escorted back to
the boat landing by the Hawaiian Na-
tional Guard. The N. G. H. will then
march to the parade grounds in front
of the drill shed, where one of the flags
used by the U. S. S. Boston in 1893 will
be presented to the Regiment. Then
the companies will be taken into the
drill shed and sworn in.

The grounds of the Executive build-
ing will be kept open all the afternoon,
and enthusiasts will be allowed to re-
main there and celebrate until they get
tired.

Fireworks will start in at 7:30
o'clock. James A. Kennedy and a big
corps of assistants will have charge of
this program. One thousand bombs
will be set off from nine guns. There
will also be an innumerable number
of rockets and special pieces. Over the
grounds red, white and green lights
will be constantly set off.

The big reception and ball will be-
gin at 9 o'clock. Yesterday President
Dole requested the Misses Aloft to
take charge of the work of decorating
the interior of the building.

The ball room floor was waxed yester-
day, having previously been painted.
It will be bounded tonight by
choice evergreens, and the Speaker's
platform will be banked with potted
ferns. Everything except the decora-
tions and a few chairs on the side has
been removed from the hall. In the
small ornamental alcoves in the pas-
sageways have been placed pretty pots
of ferns and palms, while the stairway
to the basement is practically hidden
under an arrangement of green plants.

Last night the lights on the build-
ing were under the personal super-
vision of Manager Theo. Hoffman
and were found to be in perfect shape.
The American shield, which appears
in red, white and blue lights on the
face of the tall central tower, was ex-
ceedingly beautiful. So numerous are
the lamps on the building that every-
thing about the front can be seen dis-
tinctly from the streets.

HARBOR AFFAIRS.

Free Discussion of the Letter From Nauticus.

Considerable discussion has been
going on along the waterfront since
the publication of the letter of "Nau-
ticus" in this paper last Wednesday,
suggesting certain changes in the pil-
otage and towage charges and in the
duties of the harbor officials of this
port. Senior Pilot Lorenzen, while
admitting the excellence of the writer's
plans, thinks the rate he advocates
for handling small craft of 200 tons
and under as too low, and that no pilot
should be asked to perform a harbor
master's duty, for, at the very time
he may be working to get a vessel into
a proper berth, there may be vessels
outside waiting for pilots to bring
them in. The suggestion that when the
tug has a vessel in tow the tug's cap-
tain is in effect a pilot, is hardly ad-
mitted by the underwriters, who re-
quire a pilot on the vessel itself, in
case that the lines should part or other
accident occur.

The Captain Replied.

Upon hearing the rumor, that Cap-
tain Parker, of the police force, whose
serious illness was mentioned in this
paper a few days ago, was worse "Central"
rung that genial officer's resi-
dence last night to authenticate it.
Captain Parker answered the telephone
in person and said he was feeling much
better.

Military Positions.

F Company, N. G. H., has been de-
tailed to fire the salutes on Friday.
This will give A the right of line.
There will be then but three companies
in the first battalion when the reg-
iment is drawn up on either side of the
platform for the Flag Raising. The
Philadelphia battalion will be in the
driveway, with the right a few paces in
front of the platform.

Second Battalion Drill

The Second Battalion, First Reg-
iment, Major McCarthy, had drill on
Armory Square last night. Most of the
companies were out in fair force. After
the drill the battalion was taken into
the Executive Building grounds and
shown the arrangements for flag rais-
ing day. Col. Fisher, Capt. Schaefer
and other N. G. H. officers witnessed
the drill.

A Sudden Death

A Chinaman was found dead in his
yard at Mollili last night. A native
who informed the police stated that
the man dropped down suddenly and
expired almost instantly. Heart dis-
ease was undoubtedly the trouble. Dr.
Emerson will conduct an examination
this morning and, if deemed neces-
sary, a coroner's jury will investigate
the case later in the day. None of
the man's friends appeared last night
to give his name or further particulars.
It is understood that he has a brother
living in Manoa Valley.

IN EYES OF "VAN"

Letter at Last From the Balti-
more Literary Man.

A CLEVER AND GOSSIPY STORY

Not a Man Flattered—Some Fare-
wells—"Can't Lick an American
Tar"—Manila Easy Prey.

There has for quite a long time been
general inquiry as to why a letter on
the battle of Manila had not been sent
any man of the U. S. Baltimore. "Van"
was editor here of Sea Breezes and the
Siren, both ship papers. Besides he
was the moving spirit in the shows
on by J. J. Vanderveer, the real lit-
erary man in the Hawaiian Opera House
by bluejackets. "Van" is a jocular, clever,
well educated young fellow who is
studying law while he acts as a petty
officer in the Navy. He had an idea
when he left here that there would be
trouble in Manila. In fact he one even-
ing in the Advertiser office, made a
remarkable forecast of the future, in-
cluding the operations and results of
Admiral Dewey's campaign. Mr. Van-
derveer has written at last a most in-
teresting letter to his friend, Mr. J.
Bearwald, of the Hawaiian Gazette
Company's job offices. From on board
the Baltimore, under date of July 4,
Manila Bay, Mr. Vanderveer sends the
or two left.

Our boys did nobly. I must say that
I did not see one among them who
was the least bit excited. On the con-
trary:

My Dear Friend:—No doubt you
think I have forgotten you, but I have
been so busy that I have little time for
letter writing. We are lying here do-
ing nothing but having night watches
on the lookout for torpedo boats, which
the Admiral thinks there are still one
trary, they all seemed eager for the
battle. There were, no doubt, a few
of us who felt decidedly queer when
the first shot was fired at us from the
forts at Corregidor, but when dawn
broke and the Spanish fleet was in
sight, no one thought of anything but
putting a shot where it would do most
damage.

I was on the bridge with the captain,
and when the flagship signaled to
"prepare ships for general action" the
only thing I thought of was that it
seemed strange to me that the Admiral
would have us tackle them on an empty
stomach. Rather a peculiar thought
before a battle, but we never for a mo-
ment doubted our ability to thorough-
ly wipe their fleet out.

We were, of course, surprised that
we suffered no loss of life. There was
not a man among us who did not ex-
pect that at least fifty would be killed,
and many were the jokes made about
making wills. Remember this actual
battle, so you can imagine the hor-
rible nature of the majority of the
men. Of course there were a few who
took it seriously, and wrote last let-
ters to mothers or sweethearts, but
they were few indeed.

What told us most was when we
were passing the forts. It was as dark
as pitch, and we were supposed to be
passing over mines, torpedoes and oc-
cupied engines of destruction.

It is all over now, but looking back,
one cannot help recalling these little
things. Just think of the poor fellows
down in the engine room and the fire-
room. In both these places the ther-
mometer registered over 145 degrees
and at no time during the day was it
less than 120. If a shell had struck a
steam pipe or one of these boilers,
these men would never have lived to
tell of it, as they were battered down
by heavy iron gratings which could
only be lifted from the outside.

Kelly and Walsh, of Hongkong are
getting up, at least I am getting it up,
a handsome leather bound souvenir of
the battle, containing many illustra-
tions in half tone, a full description
of the battle as I saw it from the
bridge, and several other things of in-
terest which happened around the
ship. It is a souvenir of the part taken
on by our ship only, but will contain
some general facts.

I heard of your reception of the Vol-
unteers and must say Honolulu did it
self proud. A great many of them I
knew, and met them here.

We are having a rather hard time
for grub. Hard tack is a luxury, while
canned meat is considered "fin de
siecle." The boys are doing very little
sickness on board. Natives come
alongside in boats with mangoes and a
few chickens so we manage to get a
good meal occasionally. But all to-
gether we have a hard time of it.

The heat has been something ter-
rific, and now the rainy season has
started.

We were out ten days waiting for
the troops. They brought us the first
true news in the papers of the account
of the battle. Every man of us will
have a nice little stake as prize money
and I would not be surprised if it
amounted to nearly two years' pay for
each of us. But then our boys are not

thinking much of this and they seem
to think more of the medal that Con-
gress has voted them than of the prize
money.

We are continually hearing news of
the Spanish fleet which is coming out,
and we would all hail them with joy.
Anything to break the monotony, and
we will do the same thing to them.
I tell you, old man, you can't lick an
American Tar. His equal, for intelli-
gence and grit, is not to be found. I
only hope I can be able to say the
same thing for the boys who are to do
the work ashore. While everyone
seems to think we will bombard the
city, if we do, it will be very short.
They have built very high fortifica-
tions there, mostly of sand, but one
of our 8-inch shells will undo the work
of weeks. How they can be foolishly
enough to think they stand a ghost
of a show I do not realize.

The rebels are gradually approach-
ing nearer the city, and last night
captured one of the forts not ten
miles from it. I candidly believe that
we will have more trouble with them
than with the Spaniards. I think that
after we lick the Spaniards, we will
have to turn around and lick the re-
bels. Well, we can do it. They, the
rebels, are getting very independent
now.

I do not think the city will be taken
for two months yet. Not that we could
not do it, but so many things have to
be settled before they tackle it.

From authentic sources it is learned
that there are 8,000 men (Spaniards) in
the city. This is quite an army in
numbers, but most of them are mere
boys, hardly out of school. Besides
this, there are quite a few Manila men
among them. These are not to be
trusted and at the first opportunity, if
they see that the rebels will win, will
go over to them. Of actual Spanish
troops I know that they cannot mus-
ter 6,000 men. Remember me to Wal-
ter and all the other boys. Trusting
that I will hear from you, and that
the time is not far off when we will
be in Honolulu homeward bound, I
am yours sincerely,

J. J. VANDERVEER.

CIRCUIT COURT.

Matters of one of the Quiet Days of the Term.

In the matter of L. Sam Shu, et al.,
vs. Yim Quon, et al., trespass, plain-
tiffs have admitted a satisfaction of
their claim and filed a discontinuance
of the case. A. G. M. Robertson for
plaintiffs.

Edith Morton and Maud Auld have
answered the complaint of William C.
Achi, ejectment, respecting certain
lands willed by the late Peter P. Kau-
heima, in which they claim, with Ueli
Johnson, to be sole owners of said
estate.

The court has ordered W. H. Pain
and O. S. J. Gilbert to appear again
at this term for trial on the charge
of furious and heedless driving at Wal-
ahoe. This is the case in which the
jury disagreed.

In the matter of Kiloi vs. Kanaka-
nui, et al., it has been agreed between
the parties that defendant Nahale may
have ten days from and after August
13 to answer complaint of the plain-
tiff.

Hilo Insurance

W. H. Little, agent for the German-
American Fire Insurance Co., has re-
ceived an intimation that insurance
rates in Hilo will materially advance.
People are now paying from one to
two and one-half per cent and these
rates will probably be increased to six
and ten per cent. The Board of Under-
writers of San Francisco have decided
to take no risks on Front street be-
tween Church and Ponahawai. A com-
plete insurance map of Hilo has been
sent Mr. Little by the San Francisco
agents.—Herald.

The increase was ordered by the Hon-
olulu Board of Underwriters. The
Hilo local agents have been put under
regulations. Rates there had been cut
and were too low.

An Evening Wedding.

Clarence H. Cooke, son of Charles M.
Cooke, and Miss Lily Love were mar-
ried at the residence of the bride's
mother, Mrs. Fannie Love, on Fort
street, at 8 o'clock last evening. Rev.
H. Isenberg officiated. Misses Stella
Love and Kate Kelley were the brides-
maids, and Messrs. C. Montague
Cooke and J. P. Waterhouse groom-
smen. The bride was given away by
W. A. Love, her brother. Mr. and Mrs.
Cooke will reside at the Cooke home-
stead on Beretania street.

A Militia Flag.

After the "transfer of sovereignty"
tomorrow President Dole will present
to the First Regiment a stand of Amer-
ican colors. The flag will be one with
a history from '93. It is expected now
that this gift will be made in front of
the Executive building at the time of
the informal celebration of the Flag
Raising.

Cooked Stamp Dealing.

A Hanover postage stamp dealer
named Decker, known throughout Ger-
many as a high philatelic authority,
has been sentenced to a month's im-
prisonment for embezzlement. He
substituted less valuable stamps for
those sent to him for his expert opin-
ion on their genuineness and value.

OPEN ON SEPT. 12

School Year Will Begin a
Month From Today.

Christmas Vacation—New Teachers
Appointed—Many Changes Made.
Session of Board.

Minister Cooper could not be pre-
sent at a meeting of the Commissioners
of Education held yesterday afternoon.
Professor Alexander occupied the
chair. Present were: Inspector Gen-
eral Townsend, Deputy Inspector Gib-
son, Mrs. Dillingham, Mrs. Jordan, C.
L. Hopkins and Secretary Rodgers.

Following transfers were made: S.
R. Dowdle, from the position of as-
sistant at Makawao, to charge of school
at Kaunakakai; Miss Christina Fink-
ler, from Kaunakakai, Honolulu, to
Kekaha, Kauai; Miss Edith Mabel
Sunter, from Kekaha to Kaunakakai;
Miss Maggie Davidson, from position
of assistant to that of principal of the
Manoa school; William McClosky,
from Olaa, to be principal of Hilo Se-
lect school; Mrs. McStay, from Hilo
Select school, to Olaa; Miss Hadley,
from Lihue, Kauai, to Lahaina; Mrs.
S. D. Heapy, from Lanai to Wailuku,
at her own request; H. M. Cole, from
Paahoa to Makawili.

These new appointments were made:
Keelikahuna, to Pelekunu, Molokai;
T. A. Nathaniel, to Kalaupapa; Miss
Bruce, with her sister at Kalaupapa,
Molokai; E. P. Gibson, to Manana,
Kauai; Miss Bateheler, as principal at
Kekaha, Kauai; Mrs. Hugh M. Cole,
to be assistant at Makawili; Miss
Charlotte Fountain, to Lihue, Kauai;
Miss Emma C. Lyons, to Waikiki; Ku-
pala to Waihale; Miss Rachael Scott,
to High school, Honolulu; E. G. Ferri-
era, to Honokaa homesteads; Mrs. C.
E. Moore, to Makapala; Mrs. Goddard,
to Hilo Union school; Miss Jordan, to
Kukuihaele; A. D. Wishard, to Paahoa,
Hawaii; Mrs. Ogg, to Waihee.

It was decided to have the school
year begin on Monday, September 12.
This will give fifteen working weeks
before Christmas. Christmas will fall
on Sunday and the term will run up
to the Friday before.

The committee on teachers' exam-
inations recommended that life certi-
ficates be issued to the following per-
sons: Miss Laure Duncan, John Bush,
Miss Mary S. Ross, Edgar Wood, J. F.
Scott, H. H. Brodie, Miss Josephine
Doy, Mrs. Emma Mel, Wood W. I.
Wells, J. B. Alexander and F. W.
Hardy.

Primary Grade—Mrs. Ella L. Aus-
tin, Christian Andrews, B. K. Kaiwai-
ea and Emil de Horne. Samuel Kelli-
nol and Chas. E. King were given first
class grammar grade certificates. J. N.
Taggard and Hugh M. Cole were
given first grade primary certificates.

Joseph Pritchard was appointed
school agent for the district of Kau.
Miss Nickelson's resignation from
the school at Hanapepe was accepted.

Mrs. Dillingham was entrusted with
the duty of selecting in the States an
instructor for the Practice school.

The matter of some changes in the
school system at Hilo was discussed
but no action was taken. Numerous
other routine matters connected with
teachers' salaries, etc., were disposed
of.

At 5 o'clock the meeting adjourned.

WATERHOUSE STORE.

Opening Yesterday of one of Neat- est Business Displays in Town.

The J. T. Waterhouse department
store, which was moved to and re-
opened in the Waverley Block yester-
day, is one of the neatest and most
attractive business establishments in
the city. The three store houses oc-
cupied by the concern, which have been
thrown together by the partial remov-
al of partitions, have been assigned to
different departments and appropri-
ately designated by large gold signs over
the sidewalk. The first on the makai
side is the grocery, the next the crock-
ery store and the last, mauka, the
hardware department. The office is in
the central department.

The most striking thing on entering
the establishment is the neatness of
arrangement. Next are the facilities
for showing stock and the expert man-
ner in which this advantage has been
availed of. The departments were
fixed up under the personal super-
vision of the Waterhouse brothers,
James Weir Robertson, Mr. Cutler and
others belonging to the establishment,
with a large corps on the working
force.

Soldier Entertainer.

One of the hardest worked men in
town during the visit of the St. Paul
expedition was Janitor Smith, of the
drill shed. He had 175 men and more
in the house day and night. The vis-
itors were loud in their praises of
their host, many courtesies to them
at all hours.

Invitations to the Flag Raising were
sent from the Foreign Office yesterday
to foreign representatives, officials and
prominent citizens.